

HOUSE BILL 3131
By Tindell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67,
Chapter 4, relative to franchise and excise taxes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-4-2009(4)(A), is amended by adding the following new language as a new subdivision:

(iii) Machinery and equipment used primarily in the production and post production of theatrical and non-theatrical motion pictures for exhibit or sale. The term "motion picture" as used in this definition includes similar productions for television or other media using film, video tape or other means. Machinery and equipment include, but are not limited to:

- (a) HDTV compliant cameras and associated equipment;
- (b) HDTV compliant motion picture editing equipment;
- (c) Audio equipment to be compliant with HD/digital television;
- (d) All new or upgraded equipment and machinery for grip and lighting;
- (e) All new or upgraded equipment for motion picture editing; and
- (f) All new or upgraded equipment for motion picture audio post or music editing.

Such credits shall be retroactive to January 1, 2005, for HD equipment purchases only. All other credits shall be applicable effective July 1, 2006.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.